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SENATOR: TRUMP JR. TO TESTIFY IN CONGRESS

1 President Donald Trump's son and his former campaign chairman have been given approval by a U.S. special counsel to testify publicly to Congress as part of investigations into Russian meddling in the 2016 election, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee said. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein told Reuters the special counsel, former FBI director Robert Mueller, said that Donald Trump Jr. and

Paul Manafort, campaign manager from March to August, were free to speak to the committee. Mueller is investigating allegations by U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia interfered to help Trump win the presidency and possible collusion between Moscow and the Republican's campaign.

FATHER CALLS FOR JUSTICE IN MN SHOOTING

2 The father of an Australian woman fatally shot by a Minneapolis police officer called for justice hours after a local medical examiner ruled that her death was a homicide. A Minneapolis police officer shot Justine Damond, originally from Sydney, through the door of a patrol car as she approached him and his partner in an alley near her home shortly before midnight on Saturday, according to the Minneapolis Star-Tribune reported, citing three unnamed sources. Damond's father, John Ruszczyk, told reporters in Sydney that her death was "our worst nightmare". "Justine was a beacon to all of us. We only ask that the light of justice shine down on the circumstances of her death," he said. The Hennepin County medical examiner said Damond died of a gunshot wound in the abdomen and concluded that her death was a homicide.

EX-US HOUSE SPEAKER HASTERT OUT OF PRISON

3 Former U.S. House of Representative Speaker Dennis Hastert has been released from prison in Minnesota and moved to a Chicago halfway house after serving a 13-month sentence for a financial crime tied to sex abuse, federal records showed. The 75-year-old was sentenced to 15 months at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota in April 2016 for banking violations that

revealed he sexually abused teenage boys while coaching wrestling at a high school in Yorkville, Illinois in the 1960s and 1970s. He is scheduled to be held at a residential re-entry facility office in Chicago until Aug. 16, according to Federal Bureau of Prisons records on Tuesday.

AVIATION ACCIDENT

4 Fire and rescue personnel work beside a Boeing 737-300 aircraft belonging to Indonesian cargo carrier Tri-MG Intra Asia Airlines after it skidded off the runway during landing at Wamena airport runway in Papua, Indonesia, on Tuesday. GETTY IMAGES

US PUTS NEW SANCTIONS ON IRAN

5 The United States slapped new economic sanctions against Iran on over its ballistic missile program and said Tehran's "malign activities" in the Middle East undercut any "positive contributions" coming from the 2015 Iran nuclear accord. The measures signaled that the administration of President Donald Trump was seeking to put more pressure on Iran while keeping in place an agreement between Tehran and six world powers to curb its nuclear program in return for lifting international oil and financial sanctions. The U.S. government said it was targeting 18 entities and people for supporting what is said was "illicit Iranian actors or transnational criminal activity." Those sanctioned had backed Iran's military or Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps by developing drones and military equipment, producing and maintaining boats, and procuring electronic components, it said.

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Sen. Mitch McConnell had repeatedly promised to repeal Obamacare. GETTY IMAGES

Republican push to end Obamacare collapses in Senate

Trump vowed that the healthcare effort was not dead.

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Republican efforts to overhaul or repeal Obamacare collapsed in the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, dealing a sharp setback to President Donald Trump and the Republican Party's seven-year quest to kill former President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law.

The disarray in the Republican-controlled Senate rattled financial markets as it cast doubt on the chances of getting Trump's other domestic policy priorities, such as tax reform, through a divided Congress.

Trump said he was disappointed by the failure and suggested he might let the insurance markets created under Obamacare go under and then try to work with Democrats on a rescue.

"We're probably in that position where we'll just let Obamacare fail," Trump told reporters at the White House. "We will let Obamacare fail, and then the Democrats are going to come to us."

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> President Trump

U.S. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell had announced a vote on a straight repeal of Obamacare, which would take effect in two years, after it became clear on Monday night that he did not have enough support to pass an overhaul of the healthcare law.

But the new approach unraveled within hours. Moderate Republican senators Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska quickly announced they would not back repeal.

"I do not think that it's going to be constructive to repeal a law that at this point is so interwoven within our healthcare system and then hope that over the next two years we will come up with some kind of replacement," Collins told reporters.

Obamacare has boosted the number of Americans with health insurance through mandates on individuals and employers, and income-based subsidies. About 20 million Americans gained insurance coverage through the law.

Republican senators debated over lunch on Tuesday whether to go ahead with the repeal vote, which McConnell said afterward would occur "in the very near future."

"This has been a very, very challenging experience for all of us," McConnell said, adding that the chamber needed to move on to issues like tax reform and a spending package to bolster the country's infrastructure.

As the healthcare bill collapsed in the Senate, leaders in the Republican-controlled House of Representatives unveiled a budget plan putting a proposed tax code overhaul on the same partisan procedural path that led to the anti-Obamacare initiative's chaotic downfall.

TRUMP ON TWITTER

As GOP healthcare bill collapses, Trump takes frustration to Twitter

President Donald Trump was reportedly "blindsided" by the bill's collapse on Monday, which came just moments after a White House strategy dinner on repealing and replacing Obamacare.

At the dinner, Trump pressed the importance of repealing and replacing the Obama-era Affordable Care Act with a GOP alternative.

"He basically said, if we don't do this, we're in trouble," one person briefed on the meeting told Politico. "That we have the Senate, House and White House, and we have to do it or we're going to look terrible."

But the GOP's best hope at "repeal and replace" fell apart just as senators left the White House dinner when two more Republican senators – Jerry Moran of Kansas and Mike Lee of Utah – said they would not support bringing the Republican healthcare bill to the floor for debate.

The procedural faux pas meant GOP leadership did not have the votes to proceed with the bill. Three "no" votes can block a bill – Susan Collins of Maine and Rand Paul of Kentucky also opposed the motion.

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Protesters demand meeting at Sen. Toomey's Old City office

As temperatures topped 91 degrees in Old City on Tuesday afternoon, protesters in front of Sen. Pat Toomey's Chestnut Street office grumbled in the heat and shared cold sips of Gatorade.

But they weren't planning on going anywhere.

That's because protesters with ADAPT, a grass-roots organization fighting for the rights of disabled citizens, who arrived at 5 a.m., had sworn to stay as long as it took for the senator to finally meet with them.

"If he agrees to a meeting, then we will go, but if not, then they'll just have to arrest us," said Karen Burrison, from Philadelphia and a member of ADAPT.

Burrison suffers from cerebral palsy and requires attendant care in order to live an independent lifestyle. With at least two "no" votes expected from Republican legislators on the controversial Better Care Reconciliation Act, or the "Trumpcare" bill, meaning it won't pass the Senate for now, one might think there would be no need to protest.

Toomey's office released a statement noting that he previously met with protesters and is aware of ADAPT's stance.

"ADAPT has come to Sen. Toomey's offices across Pennsylvania and Capitol Hill several times in recent months demanding unscheduled meetings," a spokesman said in a statement. "Sen. Toomey spoke personally with a group that came to Washington earlier this year."

Meanwhile, Trump's healthcare bill looked completely dead in D.C. on Tuesday, a session day during which Toomey was required to be in the capitol and was unable to meet in Philly.

However, according to those outside Toomey's office, even if "Trumpcare" is dead in the water, there is still cause for concern for the millions of disabled Americans who rely on Medicaid and Medicare services.

"Now they are talking repeal. All the president is saying is 'repeal, repeal, repeal [Obamacare]," said Tony Brooks, 42, of West Philadelphia.

Brooks is confined to a wheelchair following a car accident, which he said counts as a "pre-existing condition" to an insurance company. He said that he has traveled with ADAPT in an attempt to meet with Toomey to discuss Toomey's desire to repeal Obamacare – a promise Toomey reiterated in a press release Tuesday, saying he was "disappointed" in the failure of the new healthcare bill.

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Karen Burrison and Deborah Russell, who both suffer from cerebral palsy, joined a protest outside of Sen. Toomey's office on Tuesday. HAYDEN MITMAN

"We need our senator to understand that cutting over a trillion dollars [to healthcare services] would kill us."

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announcement by Moran and Lee, Trump took to Twitter,

"Republicans should just REPEAL failing ObamaCare now & work on a new Healthcare Plan that will start from a clean slate. Dems will join in!" he tweeted out Monday at 10:17 p.m.

But on Tuesday, in a seemingly contradictory tweet, he showed a bit more patience for the process.

"We were let down by all of the Democrats and a few Republicans. Most Republicans were loyal, terrific & worked really hard. We will return!" he tweeted just after 8 a.m.

But then the president was backing immediate repeal once again.

"As I have always said, let ObamaCare fail and then come together and do a great healthcare plan. Stay tuned!" he tweeted a few minutes later.

He then turned his sights to advocating for the failure of the ACA, blaming the Democrats for its repeated failure.

"With only a very small majority, the Republicans in the House & Senate need more victories next year since Dems totally obstruct, no votes!" he wrote on Twitter.

Finally, he suggested the "nuclear" option, dropping the vote down to a simple majority to win. ERIN TIERNAN

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Plan A is dead.

The Republicans' seven-year promise to repeal and replace Obamacare never got the oxygen it needed in Mitch McConnell's Senate. On Monday night, a third and a fourth Republican senator flatlined the so-called Better Care Reconciliation Act. Someone slapped a toe tag on it. It was gone.

Plan B arrived Tuesday morning, already on life support. "Repeal and we'll get back to you later," this one probably should have been called.

Donald Trump — looking for something, anything, to sign — tweeted his support immediately: "Republicans should just REPEAL failing ObamaCare now & work on a new Healthcare Plan that will start from a clean slate. Dems will join in!" Leader McConnell seemed to agree. He marched to the Senate floor and promised a swift "repeal of Obamacare combined with a stable, two-year transition period."

Transition to what? No one had a clue.

By Tuesday afternoon, Plan B was also heading to the morgue. Three Republican senators — Susan Collins of Maine, Shelley Capito of West Virginia and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska — pulled the plug this time. All of them worried what this leap into darkness might mean for sick people of their states.

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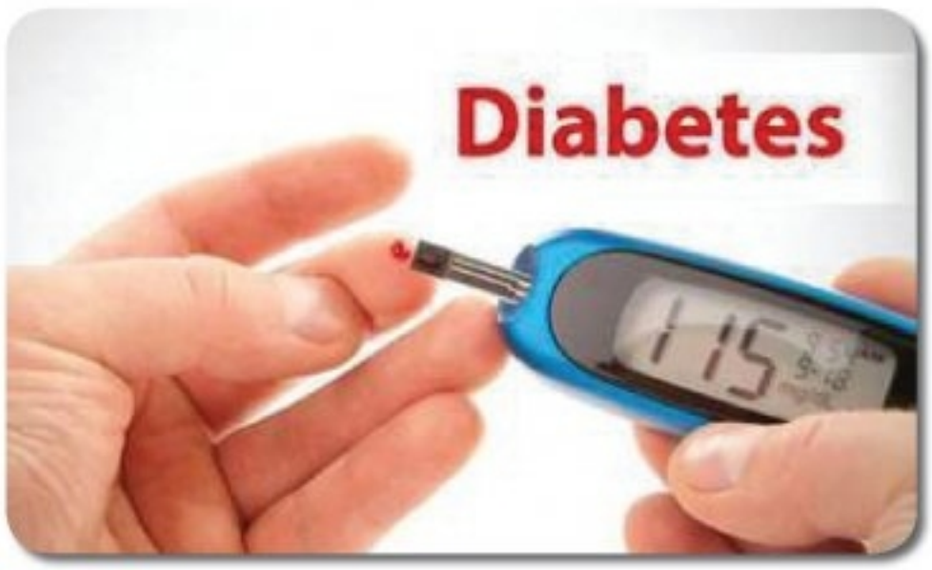

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No charges yet in fatal home invasion shooting in Frankford

A 69-year-old man was taken into custody briefly, but he hasn't been charged after fatally shooting his neighbors.

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August Dempsey, 43, and Robert DePaul, 45 PROVIDED

No arrests have been made and no charges have yet been filed following a fatal home invasion shooting that occurred in the city's Frankford section on Sunday.

According to police, the shooting occurred after neighbors got into an argument along the 4700 block of James Street just before 2 a.m. on Sunday. At that time, police said a 69-year-old male pulled a gun and shot two people — identified by NBC Philadelphia as 45-year-old Bob DePaul and his girlfriend, August Dempsey, 43 — each in the head, killing them both.

Law enforcement officials said that the man who fired the shots told police that he shot his neighbors because he had thought the two victims were climbing a fence into his property.

After the shooting, police said, the man, whom law enforcement officials did not identify, called police, and he was taken into custody but was later released.

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Philadelphia's unique architecture is one of the city's most notable qualities. GETTY IMAGES

Editor's note: Metro received some criticism for Cassie Hepler's previous "Why your neighborhood sucks" column. So she's explaining why Philly actually rocks (it's a love-hate thing).

I hate Philadelphia.

Just kidding! It's Pittsburgh that I am not a fan of … or as I lovingly refer to it, "Sh–sburgh." That was the first city I trekked to for an internship at City Paper, only to be told they no longer needed an intern. After many other not-so-subtle GTFO signs, I eventually made my way to Philly for a newspaper job.

I soon fell in love with the city, starting with my oasis in Manayunk. I have a yard, fire pit, small herb garden and grass under my toes. I chose to live there because it reminded me of San Francisco, with its stucco houses, steep hills and town-like feel, including being safe at night.

Then I discovered Fairmount Park, one of the largest urban green spaces in the country and only a five-minute mountain bike ride from home. Over the weekends, it serves as a wooded beach swimming hole, with Devil's Pool as a prime party spot for grillin' and chillin.'

Philly is like the birthplace of beer gardens, which are like mini-Zen escapes from the concrete jungle all over the city. And it's not just in booze that the city is killing it, with so many amazing breweries (Yards started on my block in a garage), but the restaurant scene is bangin'! You can get some delicious duck in Chinatown for a steal or put your fancy pants on at Volver for dinner and a show. Even the army of Philly food trucks offers gourmet and drool-worthy food for a stellar price. And don't forget our beloved gas-station-meets-real-foodery Wawa. In the fall and winter, that seasonal coffee is like crack. Sorry, central PA, but Sheetz can't even compare.

I found it's after the 10-year mark that Philadelphians start accepting you as "one of us." Once you earn your stripes, it's all about who you know, not what you know.

And the variety of people you find in Philly never gets old — different races, ethnicities and cultures blending together. It's amazing to wake up and see such a wide variety of people walking around the beautiful architecture (I love City Hall).

Speaking of location, we are in the perfect spot to go to NYC, DC, MD and NJ with straight shots, if you leave missing dreaded rush-hour times. You can hit the Jersey Shore beaches, 'burbs or farmland all in a simple day trip. Because there's so much to do and see, it only made sense to give birth to my blogazine babies, Explore-Philly.com and Explore-NJ.com, in 2015.

As much as I loved the boonies, there was nothing to do and I had aspirations for my own online magazines, and no one wants to read about cow tipping. I still plan on making some more waves in my adopted city. But for now, I know Philly has my bionic back!

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"You see that face? That looks like a man who steals wallets, right?" a Brooklyn man asked the camera.

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There are a billion selfies showing people doing just about everything on a daily basis, but one Brooklyn man might be in a class all his own for taking a selfie with the man who allegedly stole his wallet.

An East New York man who calls himself Cee Da-Prophet on Facebook was riding an uptown B train on Friday when, unbeknownst to him, his wallet fell out of his pocket. Moments later, he saw a man pick something up near him before running off the train just before the doors closed.

Cee told the New York Daily News that he checked his pockets and learned that his wallet was missing. He exited the train at the next stop, 59th Street-Columbus Circle, and got on a southbound B train, where he spied the alleged thief still on the platform at 7th Avenue where he had gotten off.

He said the suspect ran off, but not before tossing Cee's debit card in a garbage can. After retrieving it, Cee went up to the street, where he again spotted the would-be thief outside the subway station entrance.

"I pulled him to the side and said, 'Yo, man, you got my wallet,'" Cee told the Daily News.

Cee Da-Prophet took a selfie with the man who took allegedly took his wallet last week. FACEBOOK/CEE DA-PROPHET

Witnesses called police, and while waiting for them to arrive, Cee out his cellphone and began taking a video of himself with the suspect.

"You see that face? That looks like a man who steals wallets, right?" Cee asks the camera. "Where you going? Empty your pockets, and I'll let you go," he said when the tried to wiggle out of Cee's iron grip.

Cee took two more videos in the 10 minutes it took for police to arrive, but he told the Daily News that the suspect gave him back his wallet after he shot the first one.

The three videos combined received more than 1.6 million views.

Police identified the man as Hagie Mangara, a 31-year-old Bronx resident who told Cee in one of the videos he was from Africa.

Mangara was charged with criminal possession of stolen property and released on Saturday. According to police, he had 28 previous arrests that mostly consisted of turnstile jumping. This was his first offense since 2013.

HEALTH

More hospital closings in rural America add risk for pregnant women

Dr. Nicole Arthur, a family practice physician, was trained to avoid Cesarean deliveries in child-birth, unless medically necessary, because surgery increases risks and recovery time.

But she has adjusted her approach since arriving last year at the 70-bed North Baldwin Infirmary in rural, southern Alabama.

Low patient admissions and high costs mean the hospital does not have doctors on site around-the-clock to administer anesthesia in the case of an unexpected emergency Cesarean.

As a result, Dr. Arthur performs the surgery if there are any signs of complication, rather than waiting and running the risk that comes with the 20 to 30 minutes it takes for an anesthesiologist to arrive in the middle of the night.

"It's better for me to do a C-section when I suspect that something may happen," she said of her new strategy. "Getting the baby out healthy and happy outweighs some of the risk." REUTERS

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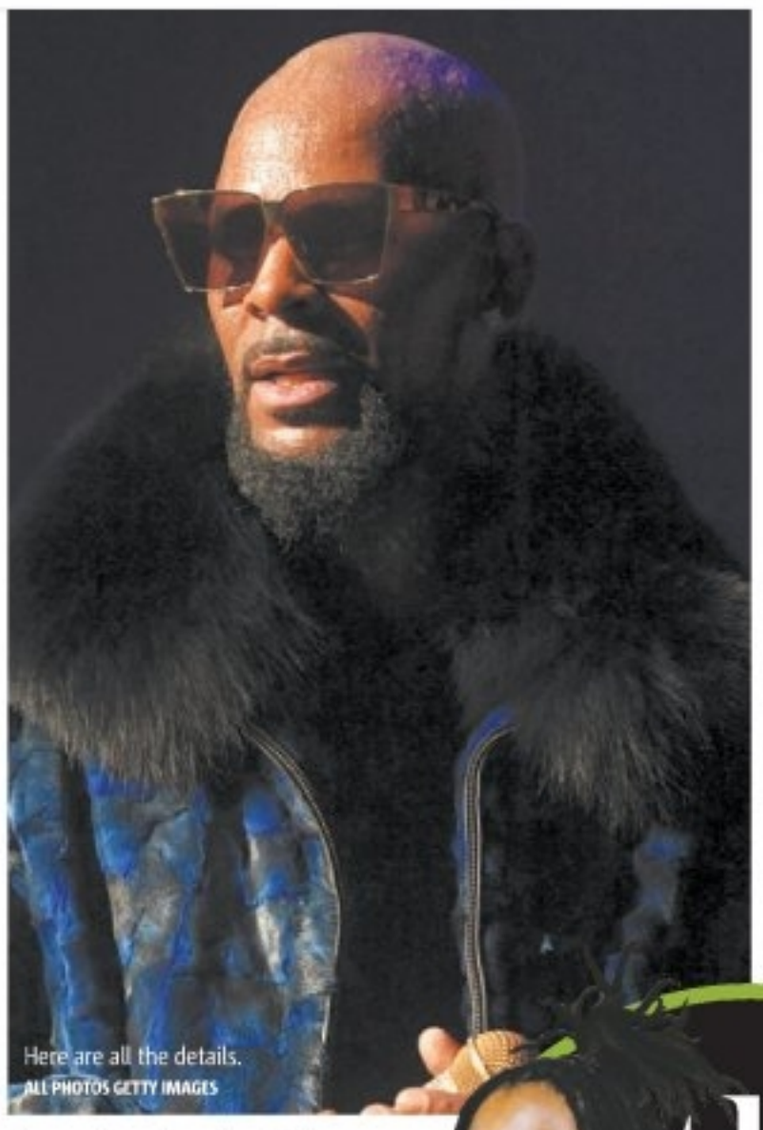
R. Kelly "cult" member speaks out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On Monday, some concerned parents spoke out to Buzzfeed, accusing R&B star R. Kelly of keeping their teenage daughter in a twisted sex cult. Kelly, 50, shot back with a statement through his attorney Linda Mensch, denying any wrongdoing.

Now, one of the alleged cult members is speaking out. Jocelyn Savage, 21, did a video interview with TMZ in which she insists that she's in a happy place in her life. "I'm not being brainwashed or anything like that," she says. "[I've] never been held hostage."

In a press conference late Monday, Savage's father, Timothy, told the press that his daughter is likely suffering from Stockholm Syndrome — "where a hostage feels affection toward and protected by their captors." Her mother agreed that her daughter was brainwashed, a sentiment echoed repeatedly in the Buzzfeed article.

This is messed up. No snark needed.

Kate Mara & Jamie Bell are married!

Kate Mara and Jamie Bell secretly got married, presumably over the weekend. I mean it wasn't a secret. We just weren't invited.

Mara, 34, shared a picture on her Instagram that just said "Nuptials." It's really fuzzy, and you can barely tell that Bell and Mara are even in the picture. Bell shared the same image to his Twitter, writing "Me & Mrs B." Aw.

News broke that the couple were engaged in January. They met on the set of "Fantastic Four," which was bad, remember? This is Bell's second marriage — he was married to Evan Rachel Wood for about two years, and they share a son. It's Mara's first wedding, but she used to date Max Minghella, a man for whom we should all be thankful. Mara's not doing so bad in the dude department, if you know what I mean.

Anyway, congratulations to the Mara-Bells! May your love last for an eternity, which in celebrity years is just short of a decade.

Congratulations, you crazy, um, adults!

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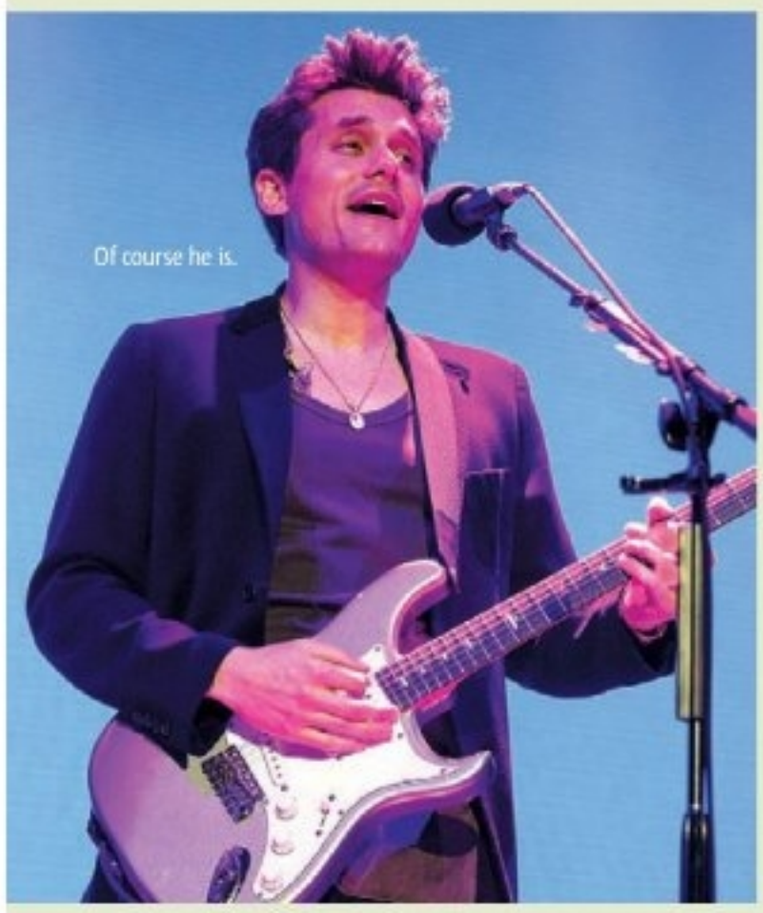
John Mayer is inspired by Drake


Of course he is.

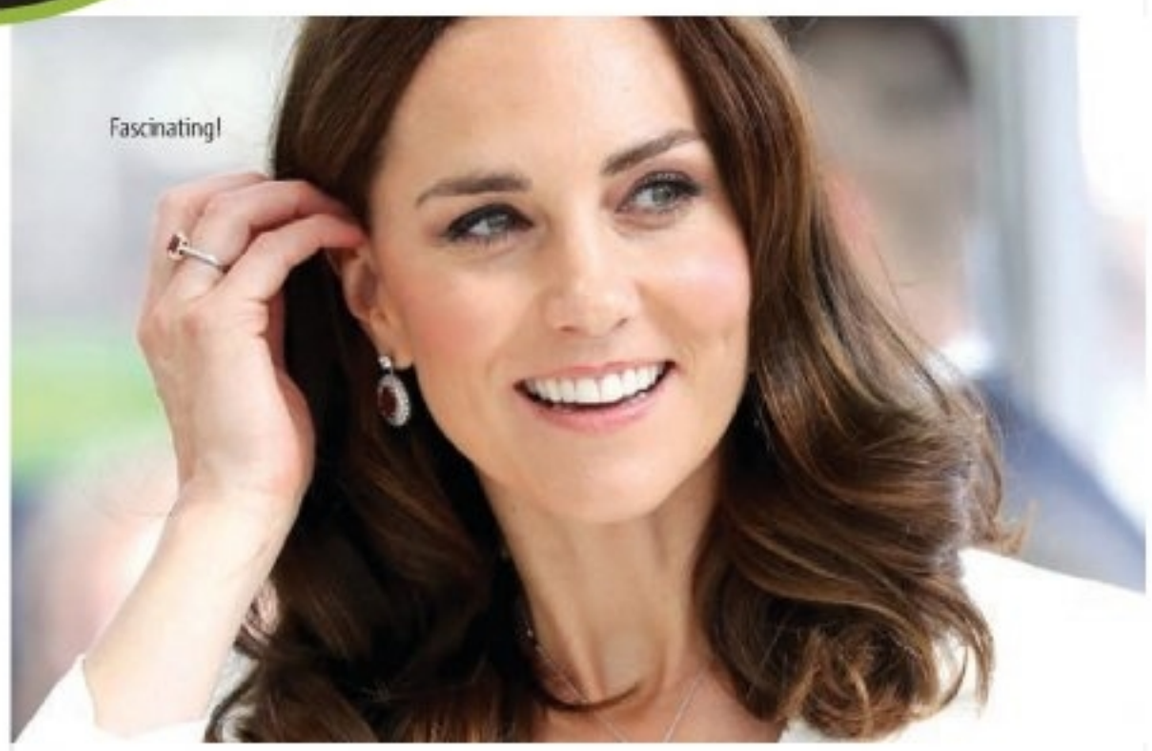
John Mayer — the World's Thirstiest Man Alive™ — is doing his best to step up his game.

The 39-year-old incredibly parched singer-songwriter-guitarist-apologist is launching the second leg of his Search for Everything World Tour. And the new shows will be a departure for Mayer, who has now brought colorful and futuristic LEDs in to make him young and relevant. All because, essentially, he wants to be Drake.

"I wanted to have a really big show," Mayer told AP. 'I went and saw Drake's show and … real artists say, 'Wow!" … Because you see something that wows you, and as an artist yourself, you go, 'I want a little of that.'"

Of course, Mayer — who by the way, is very talented, just really annoying — is a fan of Drake's, and would go to a Drake set and be like, "Ooh, gimme!" So I guess those of you who are willing to spend money on supporting John Mayer's career will have to let me know if it was all worth it.

Kate Middleton made a joke


Fascinating!

Kate Middleton, y'alls fave, just joked about having more children. Very interesting!

Middleton — ahem, I mean the duchess of Cambridge — already shares two children with The duke of Cambridge, aka Prince William: Prince George, 3, and Princess Charlotte, 2. But during a royal trip to Poland, Middleton made a joke that some people are freaking out about. Sure!

When the duke and duchess received a gift for a newborn baby from a Polish fan, she quipped, "We will just have to have more babies." Stop the presses! Get the guns! Man the whatevers! A woman and her husband might have another kid! It's just so unbelievable!

The only sad thing about this is that with every child, Prince Harry gets further and further away from the throne. Although, to be fair, that's kind of what he wants.

‘Girls Trip’ breakout Tiffany Haddish is about to blow up

“The Carmichael Show” actress is the most hilarious part of Malcolm D. Lee’s new comedy.

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Tiffany Haddish answers the phone “HELLO KATE” in a scary monster voice, then immediately cracks up laughing. The 37-year-old comedian is calling in from New Orleans, where she’s doing press for “Girls Trip,” Malcolm D. Lee’s latest that is going to cement her as one of the funniest comic actors of her generation.

When we talk, it’s Essence Fest weekend, the same event that draws the film’s cast of estranged besties — played by Regina Hall, Jada Pinkett Smith, Queen Latifah and Haddish — down to NOLA for a long-time-coming, raucous reunion. I tell her I’m from there, and she immediately says “All right, bay-by,” nailing the NOLA inflection.

In “Girls Trip,” Haddish’s performance as the raunchy, at times violent, definitely bats— crazy Dina is a comic tour-de-force. If you don’t know her already, you will soon: “The Carmichael Show” and “Keanu” actor’s debut stand-up special, “She Ready! From the Hood to Hollywood!” will air on Showtime in August. You’ll also catch her starring opposite Tracy Morgan in the Jordan Peele-directed TBS comedy, “The Last O.G.”

The L.A. native and I talk female friendship, what the hell the oral sex act “grapefruiting” is and whom she would love to challenge to a dance-off.

Tiffany Haddish’s performance in “Girls Trip,” in theaters Friday, is a comic tour-de-force. MICHELE K. SHORT

“Girls Trip” is hilarious, but it also has a great message about female friendship: It’s not always easy, but those relationships are worth fighting for. Do you relate in your own life?

Yes. I have five really good friends, and all of them have been my friends for [around] 20 years. Actually, my oldest friendship is 26 years. Damn, I’m old! [Laughs] We don’t talk everyday, but we check in with each other every two, three months. Parties, birthdays are super-important. Somebody having a stressful time, we’re there for each other. Just because you got a man or whatever doesn’t mean you forget about your girls. A lot of women get

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their man and forget they had girlfriends, but when that man's gone, they're like, "Uh, where are my friends?!" If you've got real friends, they forgive you for that. Sometimes in your 20s you get "dickmatized," you don't know any better. But you learn!

I loved the dance-off scenes in the movie. Who would you want to dance battle in real life?

Girl. In my dream dance-off-battle world, I would love to battle dance Bruno Mars. Me and Bruno, head to head. What you got, Bruno? [Laughs] At the BET Awards, I challenged him. I was like, "Me, you, dance-off, I'm serious!" He was like, "You're crazy." Or, me and Chris Brown, I would kill Chris Brown in a dance battle. And Justin Timberlake. Mmhmm.

OK, can we talk about the "grapefruiting" sex move that your character demonstrates in the movie? Did you know about that before "Girls Trip"?

I've been talking about oral sex in my stand-up comedy since 2003. Then this woman comes out — if you go to YouTube and put in "grapefruiting," this lady Angel decided to do a tutorial on how to properly provide oral sex. When I saw it I was like, "Oh my God, that's what I do on stage but not as graphic or as good as she does it!" When I read it in the script I just fell out laughing because I knew exactly what it was. A lot of people don't know about [grapefruiting] though. But it's so good, if the dude has a disease or he's hiding herpes, [the grapefruit] is gonna burn and then you'll know, don't put your mouth on that. Understand?

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In "Girls Trip," longtime besties played by Regina Hall, Jada Pinkett Smith, Queen Latifah and Tiffany Haddish reunite for a crazy jaunt. MICHELE K. SHORT

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Performances you can't miss at the 2017 Ladybug Festival

The two-day music event celebrates local female musicians.

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Put on your best red-and-black outfit for the Ladybug Festival on Thursday and Friday!

The free festival is dedicated to celebrating local women in music and bringing another music event to the area in addition to the popular Firefly Festival. Individual concerts will be happening at several locations surrounding 2nd and Loma streets in Wilmington. Here are 13 performances you can't miss.

Philly girl rock
Philly's rock scene will represent on both days of the festival. You can hear Victoria Watts's upbeat and soulful rock set on Thursday after dancing to Hello June's set. Funky AlyCat will keep the festival going with tunes like "Girly Cat World." And catch June Divided on Friday night for a sound that will make you think of grown-up and sophisticated Paramore.

Friday jazz
Catch Maya Belardo's velvety voice will make you think of musical times past on Friday. Nadjah Nicole brings her modern R&B style to the stage on Friday.

Local pop princesses
If you want to let loose and dance, these lady performers will bring that to the stage during their Friday performances. Check out electro performer I Am Snow Angel for Lana Del Rey meets Robyn vibes. Trio Hotsy Totsy rock a more vintage sound with fun harmonies and catchy lyrics.

You wouldn't see this at Firefly
Mean Wendy Band brings musical comedy with tracks like "Friend Request" and "Intern Crush" that melodically quip about relatable experiences. Vocal Clave de Sol are sure to make the most out of their performance and bring some Cuban flair. And New Jersey duo Nalani & Serena combine pop, soul and funk with gorgeous vocals and bright instrumentals.

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The Mocha Caramel Snap Brownie Ice Cream was crafted by Snap Kitchen's lead registered dietitian, Claire Siegel, and is both dairy-free (made with a custom dairy-free base) and gluten-free (chock full of Snap Kitchen's gluten-free brownies).

How could an ice cream without dairy or gluten be any good? I decided to give it a try yesterday and was impressed. It's the perfect weekday treat because it satisfies your sweet tooth without putting you into a sugar coma. Consistency-wise, it's somewhere between ice cream and water ice. Very tasty.

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7 Amazing Etsy shops from Philadelphia

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For shoppers with patience, Etsy – the online craft and antique bazaar – is worth the work. The platform, which launched more than a decade ago, is a virtual storefront for artists, artisans and collectors. And with 1.4 million active sellers, that's a lot of scrolling and searching, all for the perfect piece for that blank wall.

Take the hunt to your backyard and support one of Philadelphia's many local artisans, all from the comfort of your couch. We rounded up some of the best Philly-area outposts selling home decor:

Ignite wanderlust at an early age with Urban Tickle's massive kids maps.

Urban Tickle

Kids need art, too! Head over to Urban Tickle, a shop that specializes in nursery art, especially massive maps for tots to dream about seeing the world. Founded by a mom who wanted to be more in control of her time and see her son, Urban Tickle was her solution. And for adults jealous of the wanderlust works of art, head over to the artist's other shop, World Vibe Studio, to track your travels with her stunning push-pin maps.

Express your wild side with Blue Elephant's print-at-home designs. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

Blue Elephant Prints

Skip the shipping and have your piece delivered immediately. Blue Elephant Prints is joining a wave of artists on Etsy who are selling digital files of their artwork, and putting the actual printing in their customers' hands. At Blue Elephant, find fun prints like feathers, deer silhouettes, quotes, monograms and even custom work for every room of the house.

Preserved botanical ferns come in a variety of sizes and frames. *Start at $32.*

Floral Essence Florist

Is your green thumb closer to a shade of black? (Same.) Simplify gardening and bring the outdoors in with Floral Essence's line of preserved ferns. Leafy greens have been preserved at their peak and framed in clear glass. Hang them in a set, or keep one as an accent piece. This Easton shop specializes in wedding bouquets, but its preserved-floral terrariums and arrangements can bring a pop of color to any minimalist decor.

Stone & Violet's original Moon Phase shelf for crystal displays features hand-carved lunar phases.

Stone and Violet

Not for the faint-hearted, this woodworking shop run by a mom and her family specializes in witchy crafts — that is, shelving to store your crystal collection, tarot-card boxes, crystals and minerals and gorgeous pieces of pyrography. Craftswoman Lauren Gray incorporates themes like moon phases, the all-seeing eye and black cats into her minimalist take on the curio cabinet.

Fox Brothers Wood

Teenage brothers Shane and Clayton are the woodworking geniuses behind Fox Brothers Wood, which produces handmade wall art, bowls, office supplies and other goodies with wood and leather. Some are intricate and highly detailed, like a wooden intarsia wolf made from four natural woods, while others are minimal silhouettes; but all their pieces are carved individually with the brothers' scroll saw.

Fox Brothers Wood's highly detailed intarsia wolf is hand-carved from four different kinds of wood.

Featuring fabric from France, Wild Chairy's whimsical armchairs are built to "pop" in any decor.

WildChairy

This Temple graduate turned photojournalist ditched the news desk for chairs – plush antique armchairs redone in bold colors and patterns. Andrea Mihalik, shopkeep of WildChairy, reconstructs each chair with natural fabrics, like horsehair, cotton, goose feathers and coconut hair for a modern and funky twist on something old.

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How do Eagles stack up in the NFC East?

A position-by-position look at what should be the best division in the NFL.

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The NFC East is starting to draw some "best-in-the-NFL" chatter. Let's take a position-by-position look at where the Eagles stack up against their closest competition.

Quarterback

1. Washington
2. New York
3. Dallas
4. Philadelphia

This isn't a slight on Carson Wentz. The promising second-year quarterback is behind Dak Prescott, who went 13-3 as a rookie last season, a two-time Super Bowl champion, and (despite the contractual issues) Kirk Cousins, who brings an added threat as a runner that Eli Manning doesn't. Wentz can move up this list, but being at the bottom doesn't make this a problem area for the Eagles.

Running back

1. Dallas
2. Philadelphia
3. Washington
4. New York

In the same way being at the bottom of the quarterback list wasn't a cause for concern, being high up on this list isn't exactly a cry for celebration - unless you're the Cowboys, who have the best young back in the league: Ezekiel Elliott. LeGarrette Blount was a great signing for the Eagles, and the combined strengths of he and Darren Sproles are more impressive than anything Washington or the Giants can offer.

Wide Receiver/TE

1. New York
2. Philadelphia
3. Washington
4. Dallas

The Giants collection of pass catchers is scary. Moving on, the Eagles certainly rank highly here for one of the worst units in the league a season ago. Adding Alshon Jeffery, Torrey Smith, and Mack Collins to Jordan Matthews and Zach Ertz should prove the difference. Meanwhile, Washington was losing DeSean Jackson and Pierre Garcon. But adding Terrelle Pryor and having Jordan Reed and some depth keeps them ahead of Dallas, where Dez Bryant has just 81 catches over the last two seasons.

Defensive Line

1. Philadelphia
2. New York
3. Dallas
4. Washington

Much of the off-season excitement in Philadelphia has been centered on the defensive line and pass rush, and for good reason. Brandon Graham's name continues to appear on lists of players deserving recognition, and Fletcher Cox's name continues to appear on lists of players receiving it.

Linebacker

1. Washington
2. Philadelphia
3. Dallas
4. New York

Washington adding Zach Brown to patrol the middle while Ryan Kerrigan and Trent Murphy wreak havoc on quarterbacks was just rude. Jordan Hicks is a budding superstar, and if Nigel Bradham can stay on the field these two could keep the Eagles in good shape here for a long time, but their depth is perilously thin. Sean Lee played in the most games (15) he has since 2011 last season, and had a career high in tackles (145.) He's the key to Dallas' entire defense.

Secondary

1. New York
2. Washington
3. Philadelphia
4. Dallas

Buying a defense paid off for the Giants, and nowhere more than in the secondary. Janoris Jenkins and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie played at a Pro-Bowl level alongside Landon Collins last season.

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Vecchione in right frame of mind

Mike Vecchione has a mature mental approach thanks to sports psychology.

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Mike Vecchione is focused on the 'here and now.' GETTY IMAGES

Mike Vecchione knows the numbers game to make the Flyers this fall.

The Union College graduate, who signed with the Flyers last March and inked a two-year deal this offseason, will likely compete with Scott Laughton, Oskar Lindblom, Matt Read and possibly even Michael Raffl for two jobs at training camp.

Despite the stiff competition, the 5-foot-10 rookie is not concerned with anyone, or anything, other than himself.

"If I worry about everything everyone else is doing, I will lose track of what I am doing," Vecchione said at Development Camp earlier this month. "You have to worry about what you can control, and I have been pretty good at doing that. I think that is a big reason why I am sitting here."

The mature mental approach for the 24-year-old is the product of sports psychology, a growing and popular science he has fully embraced. Vecchione was first introduced to it as a freshman at Union by "Doc" Wally Bzdell, a sports psychologist, who met with the Union team every couple of weeks.

The point that "Doc" Bzdell drove home and stuck with Vecchione was to focus on the here-and-now – and himself.

"After four years of his help, I stay in my mind and figure out what I need to do to get better," Vecchione said. "I make sure nothing else can distract me from what I need to do out there on the ice. I'm a strong believer in sports psychology."

It helped him at Union, where last year he was a finalist for the Hobey Baker Award, given to the top college hockey player. The center will also lean on the same mental toughness for his upcoming challenge with the Flyers.

"One shift at a time, move your feet, win faceoffs, take a deep breath and move on. If you have a bad shift or practice, let it go and focus on the next one," Vecchione said. "Doc taught me to concentrate on the ABCs of the game. It's the little things you have to focus on that lead to the big things."

One of the big things is obviously a spot on the third or fourth line with the Flyers in the season opener on Oct. 4 in San Jose.

"I have to make sure I play my game this fall," Vecchione said. "The game is a little faster and the guys are more skilled so I need to improve in all aspects that I can. I am not going to get any taller but can get stronger on my skates.

"I'm not too worried about all the guys who will be at training camp, though. I am just worried about myself."

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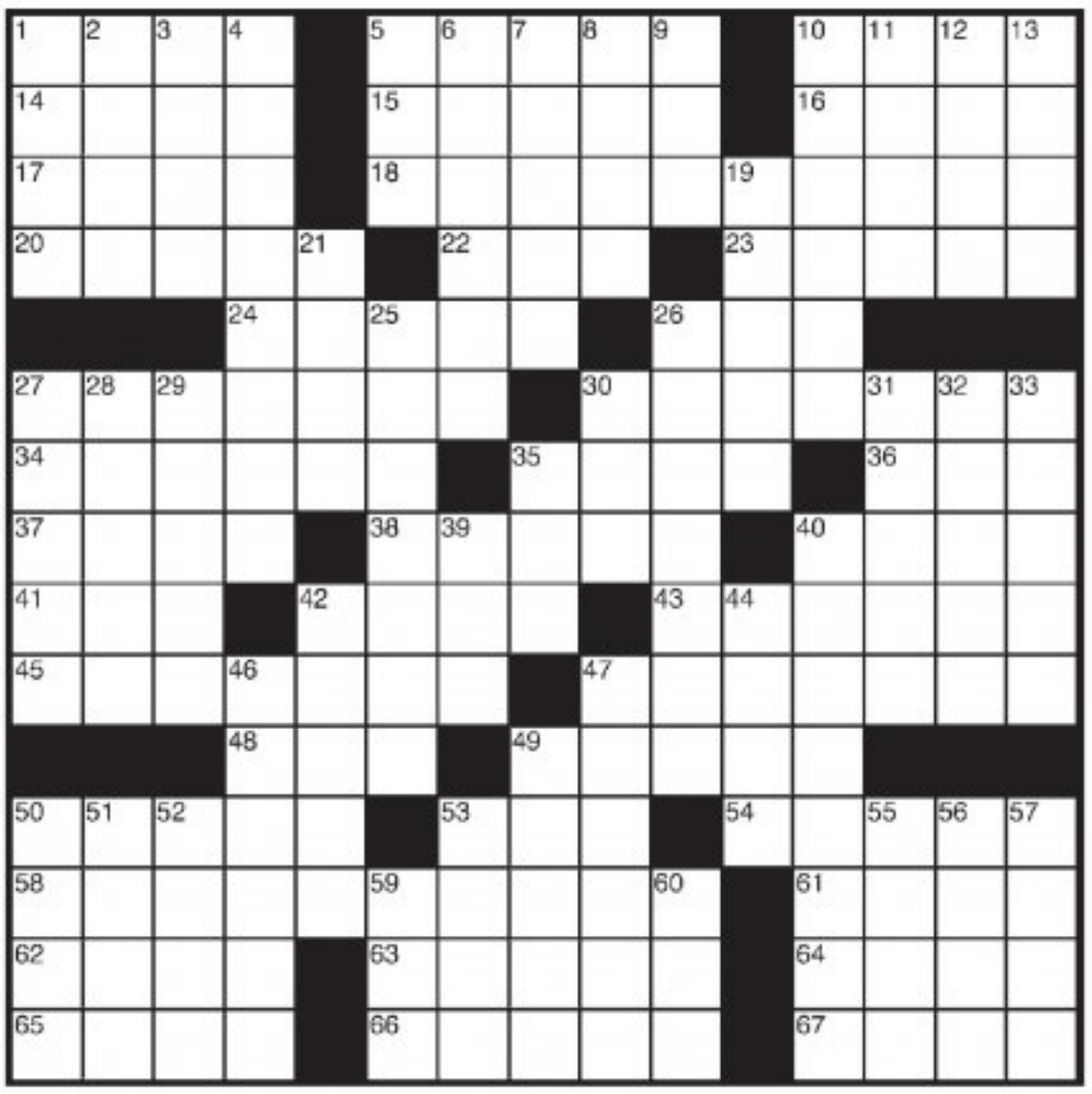
Across

1 Lasting aftereffect
5 Zippo
10 Shoe part
14 Put cargo aboard
15 Russet potato
16 General vicinity
17 Bryce Canyon locale
18 In a contrite manner
20 Bard's teen
22 Quit stalling
23 Essential points
24 Let up
26 Sluggers' stat
27 Water-ski gear (2 wds.)
30 Honey factory
34 Artist's gum
35 Dainty pastry
36 Thieves' hangout
37 Inventory wd.
38 Chicago's airport
40 Encompass
41 Animal friend
42 Well-briefed (2 wds.)
43 Monarch's chair
45 Wartime offense
47 Restricted
48 "-- Miserables"
49 Spy mission
50 Hypnotized
53 Gotcha!
54 Sleeper's sound
58 Making more uncouth
61 Mountain goat
62 Let borrow
63 Ms. Zellweger
64 Tide type
65 Questions
66 Garbo or Bergman
67 Pita sandwich

Down

1 Mumble
2 Roman historian
3 Bede of fiction
4 Practice
5 Post Office code
6 Form a thought
7 Knight's weapon
8 Voucher
9 Fast-selling
10 Leave no trace
11 Music and dance
12 Liquefy
13 Foots the bill
19 Marsh stalker
21 Clarinet kin
25 Germane
26 Dissenter
27 Entice
28 Gavel-banger's cry
29 Squander
30 Disallow
31 – box
32 Father of sci-fi
33 Done with
35 Get some sun
39 Term of endearment
40 Looking pleased
42 Opportunists
44 RN employers
46 Puts on guard
47 Tilted
49 River to the North Sea
50 Stanford rival
51 Turndowns
52 Cold and wet
53 Freshly
55 Submit
56 Bring up
57 Montreal athlete
59 Uh cousins
60 Thousand bucks



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Aries A call for assistance will be answered. Personal changes will lead to an opportunity you never considered in the past. Intelligence and will bring good results.

Taurus Spend time at home making alterations that will bring you peace of mind and comfort. Do the work yourself and you'll keep your costs down.

Gemini Make the effort to make a difference. The more you do and the less you say, the more you'll accomplish. Put your heart into whatever project you take on.

Cancer Don't leave anything to chance. Observe what others do and be ready to counter any action that might infringe upon your rights, position or reputation.

Leo How you contribute to a joint effort will make a difference to the way others view you. Dedication, loyalty and participation will give you the right to offer your opinion.

Virgo Emotional situations will limit your actions. Don't let anyone put demands on you that will deny you the chance to do your own thing. Someone will disappoint you.

Libra Spend time doing things with the people who have the most to contribute. Sharing, collaborating or just getting to know someone better should be your intent.

Scorpio Protect against loss. Don't leave your money or possessions out in the open or invest in what someone else is doing. Trust and believe in yourself and your ability to succeed.

Sagittarius Partnerships are highlighted. If you are going into business with someone or pursuing a joint venture or romantic connection, just say what's on your mind.

Capricorn You will have mixed emotions regarding what you want to do next. Don't take on too much or you will fall short of your expectations.

Aquarius Take on a domestic or personal project that will improve your life and the way you do things. Getting others involved in your plans will bring you closer together.

Pisces Don't let emotions interfere with your work. A disciplined attitude will help you stay on top of your responsibilities.

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Yesterday's answers

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